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FOR PAUL O'NEILL AF/S

E.O. 11652: N/A

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FS ANNUITIES INCREASE ANNOUNCED REFTEL REQUIRES ME TAKE INTO
SERIOUS AND IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION WHETHER I SHOULD SPEED
UP PLANS MENTIONED IN MY LETTER TO YOU OF FEBRUARY 21.

RETIREMENT AS OF MARCH 31 WOULD MEAN CONSIDERABLE FINANCIAL
BENEFIT. BALANCED AGAINST THIS IS FACT THAT WITH MOZAMBIQUE
ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS NOW AT PAR-
TICULARLY SENSITIVE STAGE; FOUR MONTH GAP BETWEEN MY DEPAR-
TURE AND PETER WALKER'S ARRIVAL WOULD MAKE THINGS VERY
DIFFICULT FOR CONSUL REED, WHO HAS BEEN ON BOARD LESS THAN
MONTH, AND WOULD DEPRIVE DEPARTMENT OF MY EXPERIENCE JUST
AT POINT WHERE IT COULD BE MOST USEFUL.

IF DEPT SO DESIRES, AND IF SUCH ARRANGEMENT POSSIBLE, I
WOULD BE WILLING STAY ON IN LOURENCO MARQUES AS CONSUL
GENERAL THROUGH APRIL AND MAY ON CONTRACT, AS FSR, OR ON
ANY OTHER BASIS, AFTER RETIREMENT, TO HELP PARTIALLY SPAN
THE GAP, BUT MUST IN ANY CASE BE HOME IN EARLY JUNE TO TAKE
CARE OF CHILDREN ENTERING VACATION PERIOD.

WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR DISCUSSING WITH HERBERT GORDON CA/FS/SO,
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FS DIRECTOR GENERAL DAVIS, OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE PERSON
AND CABLING ME SOONEST ANY FACTORS, POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE,
WHICH MIGHT AFFECT MY DECISION.
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